

A meeting of the **Civic Center Priority Task Force (CCPTF)** was held on Wednesday, September 3, 2003 at 7:30 P.M., at City Hall in the Council Board Room. John Szerlag called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mary Ann Bernardi (Troy Citizens United)
Leonard Bertin (Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities)
Ann Partlan (Historic District Commission)
Ryan Deel (Traffic Committee)
Catherine Herzog (Troy Youth Council)
Michelle Hodges (Troy Shareholders)

Tom Krent (Parks and Recreation Advisory Board)
Mark Maxwell (Board of Zoning Appeals)
David Ogg (Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens)
Carol Price (Downtown Development Authority)
Walter Storrs (Planning Commission)
Brian Wattles (Historical Commission)

ALSO PRESENT:

John Szerlag, City Manager
Lori Grigg-Bluhm, City Attorney
Gary Shripka, Assistant City Manager/Services
Jeff Biegler, Superintendent of Parks
Doug Smith, Real Estate & Development Director
Laura Fitzpatrick, Assistant to the City Manager

1. *Introductions*

2. *Manager's role as facilitator for first meeting*

3. *Establish ground rules for conducting meetings*

The following ground rules were adopted:

Look for commonalities of interests.

Everyone participates.

Be respectful of everyone's opinion.

Any issue can be re-visited by consensus of the group.

Designated note taker for each meeting; minutes will be produced after each meeting.

Move along expeditiously.

Maintain a sense of humor.

Follow basic rules of order.

Focused, yet informal atmosphere.

Be goal and action-oriented.

4. *Role of the committee*

The role of the committee was discussed. The City Council resolution forming the committee along with Councilmember Beltramini's corresponding memo was distributed. It was indicated that the deadline for the recommendation is February. A desire to complete the report before the holidays was also mentioned.

5. *Review of desirable public sector site plan elements advanced during the past several years*

Biegler reviewed the elements contained in the reports.

6. *Discussion of other desirable public site plan elements* – the committee listed topics for future discussion. It was indicated that a future activity will be a ranking of the elements.

Overall Task Force Issues:

Answer the question: What attracts people to the site?

Avoid unrealistic plans

Review each element: pros and cons

Choose locations for elements.

General Site Issues:

“Cranbrook-like” campus or “Central Park-like” atmosphere; passive recreation-oriented; more of a quiet gathering area

Brick pavers/brick work

Areas of beauty

Town square element; gathering point for community; City needs a center

Programmed destination

Miracle Field and other active elements centered around Community Center

Arts Park

Amphitheater/Ice Rink – quiet, active elements

Path Elements:

Biking, walking areas

Running track

2 mile jogging path

Other Elements:

“X” performing arts center.

Library: expansion, other options, etc.

Traffic/Parking/Transportation Issues:

Traffic Impact

Parking needs

What are the restrictions on the park-and-ride lot by the Skate Park?

Underground and above-the-ground parking structures

Ability to park once and visit site elements

Climate-controlled walkways

Tram System/Satellite shuttles (connecting office buildings to the site)

7. *Possible location of these elements*

To be discussed at future meetings.

8. *Selection of Chair and Vice-chair*

By a vote of the group, Brian Wattles was selected as Chair and Michelle Hodges was selected as Vice-Chair.

9. *Other Issues*

Public Comment: The group agreed to enforce a five minute time limit (per person) for public comment.

Future Meetings: Meetings will be held at 7:30 PM at City Hall in the Council Board Room. Dates are all Wednesdays and are as follows: 9/10, 9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 11/12, and 12/10.

Action Plan for Next Meeting:

Bring Ideas, including:

History of Central Park and Cranbrook

Visit Places

Look at sites: Central Park, Cranbrook, Auburn Hills, Southfield Civic Center Campus, other communities with similar quality of life issues within 50 miles of Troy (City staff to provide list at next meeting as well)

Drive or walk the Civic Center Site

PUBLIC COMMENT

Reminder Next Meeting: **September 10** 7:30 P.M.

Location: City Hall – 2nd Floor – Council Board Room

Meet at east entrance at 7:00 PM for a fact-finding bus tour of the Civic Center Site.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Brian Wattles, Meeting Chair

Laura Fitzpatrick, Assistant to the City Manager